

LATER

A two-minute monologue

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Drama

COURTNEY, 30s, confronts her husband after he tells her he doesn't want kids after all

You've changed your mind? Really?

When did this happen?

Because if it happened a while back, you could have warned me.

You could have told me, "Hey, I don't want kids after all."

I could have stopped planning my career around which employers had the best maternity leave.

I could have stopped lying in bed at night thinking of baby names.

I could have stopped dreaming about a little you, or a little me, a little...us!

I could have stopped believing that lie that you kept telling me, over and over.

(Mimics her husband)

Let's travel first, because we won't be able to later!

Let's buy a house first, coz we won't be able to later!

Let's work overseas for a while, coz we won't be able to later!

Let's have some crazy, sexy fun right now, coz we won't be able to later!

You think it was fun for me? Waiting? All these years?

But now I know.

I know what I should have realised years ago.

All this time, I already had a kid.

A big, thoughtless, selfish kid.

Who will never grow up!

Well, you're not the only one who can change their mind,

The fun's over.

Your bag's near the door.

Packed.

Don't worry. I'll send everything else.

Later.

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